

MEYER TO NAME P. M.'S.

Frank Hitchcock Told to Go "Way Back and Sit Down."

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt has requested that Postmaster General Meyer give his personal attention to the selection of men for appointment as postmasters throughout the country and to the removal of postmasters for any cause whatever. This is one of the direct results of the exposure of George B. Cortelyou and reactionary plots to use the forces of the government in a direct effort to defeat the purposes and policies of the administration. It means also that the holders of federal offices are not to be used in campaign work for any candidate, but are to be restricted in their activities in accordance with the spirit of the civil service law and the firm convictions of the president regarding the propriety of that law.

The federal office in the south were to be used as the basis of an organization to deliver the southern delegates in one solid body to Cortelyou and the reactionaries. This was made possible by the fact that since Cortelyou left the postoffice department and was succeeded there by Postmaster General Meyer, the latter has given his attention exclusively to the larger questions connected with an improvement of the postal service and has permitted the first assistant postmaster general, Frank Hitchcock, to run the appointment bureau of the department, almost without interference from any quarter. Hitchcock, as has been seen, lost no opportunity to make himself a political power by demonstrating to the postmasters, especially in the south, that so far as their places were concerned he possessed the appointing and at the same time the removing power. He had started the work of organizing a political machine in the southern states, while Cortelyou was postmaster general and the two could work together.

When the president learned last week that the federal office holders would not permit to organize or influence in support of Secretary Taft and policies of administration were actually being organized against Taft and the administration, his indignation was extreme. In setting out to destroy the work of Cortelyou and Hitchcock, the president is making no spectacular efforts. He has proceeded quietly, but his efforts have been none the less successful. Hitchcock, from the position of master of the postmasters of the country, has become once more a subordinate officer of the postoffice department, whose work will be carefully scrutinized by the postmaster general.

PASS OUT THE CAPES.

Battleships Head Southward With a Smooth Sea.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 16.—The Connecticut passed Cape Henry at 11:35 a. m. The others followed in order. The dispatch boat Yankee passed out ahead of the Connecticut. The ships headed southward with a smooth sea and blue sky. There was great cheering and waving of flags by people ashore. As the ships approached the cape United States Weather Observer Newcom raised signals over his station showing the fleet a pleasant and each vessel as she passed raised signals of "thanks."

As the fleet passed in review of the president aboard the Mayflower, the chief executive standing upon the bridge of the yacht waved each vessel last farewell. At 12:05 the Mayflower and Tinkley weighed anchor. The Mayflower at once proceeded on the return to Washington. The torpedo boat headed by the Dolphin Roads. At 12:40 the Dolphin followed the Mayflower up the bay.

POWERS ON THE STAND.

Defendant in Goebel Case Testifies in Own Behalf.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 16.—Caleb Powers today took the stand in his own trial. The court room was packed, with many women in the audience. After detailing his early history and final election as secretary of state, Mr. Powers was asked to define his connection with bringing bodies of mountain men to Frankfort prior to the assassination of Goebel.

The witness frankly admitted his connection with the "mountain army" and said that there was no purpose about it. He said the purpose of it was a moral effect on the contest then pending at Frankfort and there was no threat or intimidation of violence and no instructions given to the mountaineers as to any threatened trouble. Powers denied emphatically that he directed Golden or Monks, as they testified to in the main feudists or fighting men, but said that instructions were given to get representatives citizens, the best in their respective sections.

Death of I. N. McBeth. Garden City, Kan., Dec. 16.—I. N. McBeth, president of the First National bank, a pioneer Kansan, died here today, aged 53 years.

LOCAL MENTION.

We sell chewing gum of all kinds. Price's drug store.

The council committee on health and sanitation will meet in the city building tonight at 7:30.

George Knoll's Art store at 842 North Kansas avenue, will on Wednesday, December 18, give to every lady visiting the store a beautiful 16x20 sheet picture, absolutely free of charge. This method is taken for the purpose of advertising the largest and most varied stock of pictures and frames in Kansas.

Until Christmas we will allow 10 per cent off on Eastman & Seneca cameras for cash. Wolcott Photo Supply, 805 Kansas ave.

The following births were reported to the health office today: Son to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Anderson, at 412 Ash street; son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Perry, 831 Jefferson street.

Major T. J. Anderson, secretary of the Topeka Commercial club, has sent many samples of Topeka clay and shale to a great pottery factory at Cincinnati. The firm is contemplating the establishment of a factory in the middle west and Major Anderson hopes to land it for Topeka.

One of the children of Charles A. Krotz, residing at 323 Lawrence street, was confined to bed by diphtheria this morning and the house was quarantined.

The fire department has to exercise the horses by sprinting to various parts of the city. There has been no sort of a fire in the city for the past four or five days.

For corn feathers call Bell phone 1078.

The Christmas Sale Is Now On In Earnest At Paxton's

Elaborate Showing of Toys and Christmas Goods---We will not attempt to enumerate them, but want you to come and see them yourself.

Suggestions from the Dry Goods Dept. at Paxton's Low Prices



Child's Fur Sets

Plain white, mixed and dark furs, water mink Persian lamb and coney effects—muffs and collar piece—a range of prices from

\$3.95

down

to

\$1.25

Fur Scarfs, 98c

A beautiful brown Coney Neck Scarf, 46 in. long—trimmed with 6 tails—chain and hook fastener—worth \$1.25 in credit stores—our price

98c

Fur Cravat, \$2.25

Rich, lustrous brown 44-in. long—ends are 5 inches wide and fall in cascade effect—ornamented with mink heads and silk braid—lined with brown satin—worth \$3.00 in most stores, our price

\$2.25

\$8.00 Fur, \$6.95

Sable Fox Fur—beautifully marked—60 in. long—2 large natural tails—oxidized chain fastener—worth \$8.00—our price

\$6.95

\$5.00 Mink Scarf, \$3.95

Flat neck scarf—62 in. long—4 natural tails—lined with brown satin—a good present—our price

\$3.95

\$6.00 Shirt Waists, \$4.95

Women's silk and net shirt waists—black or colors—fancifully made—credit houses ask \$7.00 for such values—our special price

\$4.95

\$7.50 Silk Petticoats, \$4.95

Black, navy, brown, tan, green and grey—made with an extra wide shirred flounce—excellent quality of taffeta silk—our \$7.50 values—choice

\$1.25 Lunch Cloth, 98c

Mercerized damask lunch cloth 56x63 inches—a splendid satin finished material—new pattern worth \$1.25—each

\$1.50 Lunch Cloth, \$1.35

Made of pure German linen—56x63 inches—flour de lis pattern—a \$1.50 value in the credit house, here

\$2.00 Lunch Cloth, \$1.75

Warranted pure linen—2 1/4 yds. long—double hem-stitched edge—floral pattern—a \$2.00 value

\$5.00 Linen Set, \$4.25

A beautiful bleached linen damask table set—cloth and napkins to match—assorted patterns—in heavy bound box—a present that any person would enjoy—worth \$5.00

Linen Napkins

We have a large range of prices, styles and sizes in linen napkins and they make a very useful and desirable present—in some instances you can get the cloth to match—prices range per dozen from \$2.48

25c Women's Underwear, 15c

Cream color—ribbed—fleece lined vests and pants—very special for Tuesday—per garment

50c Women's Underwear, 39c

Splendid "Utica" garments—silver color—heavily fleeced—closely ribbed—the best 50c garments on the market—very special—each

5c Handkerchiefs, 2c

Plain hemstitched edge and fancy lace and embroidered corners—special for Tuesday—each

15c Mittens, 10c

Children's 15c yarn mittens—double knit—navy, brown, red and black—splendid 15c ones

15c Ribbon, 10c

Splendid quality, all silk taffeta ribbon—the kind that will launder—black, white and colors—3 inches wide—a special—per yard

10c

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS Representative Is With Us

Miss King representing the Ladies' Home Journal Pattern Co. will be with us tomorrow and will be pleased to meet all the ladies of Topeka and explain the many superior advantages it has over all other patterns.

Christmas Candies, Toys, Books, Silverware, Cigars, etc.

Christmas Candies by the Ton

Buckets, baskets and barrels. The biggest selection of Candies ever put on sale in Topeka. All guaranteed under the new drug and food law. 10c lb. See middle window for display of Candy at

Perfumes

In Christmas packages, also in bulk. Eastman's perfumes sold by the oz. A dozen different extracts to choose from. 15c

The Ives Miniature Railway System

There is no amusement that can compare with the Ives miniature Railway System in bringing out and developing the mind and ingenuity of the boys. Copy of the description Railway Books goes with each train. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.98, \$2.98.

Wheelbarrows

Frame is made of maple, iron wheels and braces, heavy sheet iron bed. Painted red. 25c

Mechanical Toys

Too many kinds to describe, but wonderful the ingenuity of mankind. We have them displayed on a long table. Come and inspect them. We will gladly show you how they work. A miniature circus. Prices 50c, 25c.

Albums

Album for 25c—Holding 20 photos, an attractive leather back, embossed celluloid front. Silver gilt trimmings. 25c

Photo Album, size 11x9, holds 36 pictures, back and front in white enamel, trimmed in gold corners and back of plush. 98c

Musical Album—plays the popular airs, trimmed in embossed plush and gold—hand painted. \$3.50

Dolls

Here's where we shine. Dolls of all descriptions, kind and price.

Dolls that close their eyes with full bisque head and body, long hair—

10c



Doll 15-inch high, genuine bisque head, long curly hair—lace dress, trimmed in ribbons, large hat, full jointed, easily worth \$1.00. 69c

Doll 17-in long, bisque head, full jointed, long curly hair, light, dark or auburn hair, lace hose and slippers. A snap, only. 69c

Children's Books

Large Assortment Books in Linen and Paper, some of them high-class illustrations. Prices 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c.

Christmas Cigars

Our large assortment contains the very best and we make a specialty of box trade.

Owl Cigars—25 in box. 85c

The Master, 25 in box. \$1.19

Little Rothenberg, 25 in box, per box. \$1.10

Diamond Crown, 12 in box, per box. 25c

Silverware

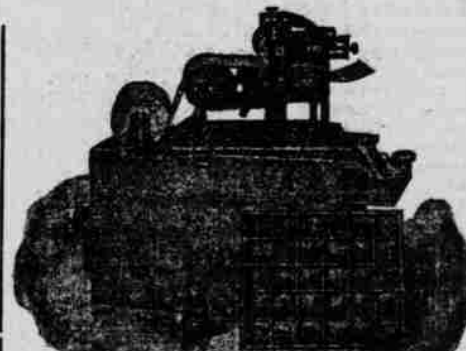
Rodgers Bros. 1847 Silver Tableware. A big variety to choose from—Vintage Knife and Forks, Spoons Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Oyster Forks, Pie Forks, Orange Spoons, Pickle Forks, Cream Ladies, Berry Spoons, etc.

Rodgers Bros. 1847 12 pwt. Set Knives and Forks, six knives and six forks. \$4.25

Jewelry

The jewelry stock is now at its best. Many things for you to choose from—Rings, Bracelets, Cuff Buttons, Necklaces, Beads and Toilet Sets, all at about 1/2 less than you would pay at exclusive stores.

Men's Link Cuff Buttons over 50 different varieties to choose from. 25c



Magic Lanterns

Magic Lantern, made of black sheet tin has powerful lens, and fitted with 12 assorted slides. \$1.00

Autos

Shiny iron axles and wheels, body of sheet iron painted red and nicely varnished and is propelled by pedals. The front wheels are controlled by a real steering wheel. Prices \$6.50, \$5.50 and \$4.50.

Boys, Do Your Own Printing

Automatic Rotary Presses will do the work—printing cards, programs and letters, etc. What a splendid Christmas present for the boys. Useful and instructive. Price—

\$1.25 to \$2.98

Toy Pianos

Exact models of large Pianos, come in white, red or mahogany. Imitation Ivory Keys. Price 10c, 48c.

Teddy Bears

Prices—\$6 to 25c

The whole Bear family—Brown Bears, Grizzly Bears, Cinnamon Bears, also Puma in Boots, Large Bears, Medium size Bears and Wee Small Bears. Prices \$6.00 to 25c.

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OUR STORE Will Be Open EVENINGS

Sixth and Quincy

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WILL NOT PAY IT.

State's Claim of \$3,100 for Care of an Insane Person.

Administrators of the estate of August Fritag, who died recently in the Topeka hospital for the insane, have been confined there 22 years, have announced that they will contest the right of the state to collect \$3,100 from Fritag's estate for the crazy man's "keep" at the asylum.

Fritag was a Franklin county man, and the attorneys in the case will get a decision from the Kansas supreme court on the validity of the law enacted at the recent session of the legislature which allows the state to collect board from all inmates of hospitals who have estates.

The Fritag case will be used as a test, and if the state wins, it will proceed with the collection of about \$50,000 from many other estates, the evi-

dence in which cases has been secured by H. C. Bowman, the lawyer-member of the state board of control.

BURIED 75 MINERS.

Explosion Reported in Tuscaloosa County, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Seventy-five men are reported entombed in a mine explosion at Yolande, northeastern part of Tuscaloosa county.

A special relief train left here for Yolande at 1:30 o'clock to give assistance to the entombed miners.

Robbers Could Not Open Safe. Enid, Okla., Dec. 16.—Robbers broke into the Peoples' bank of North Enid early today and ransacked the vault, but were unable to get into the safe and secured no currency.

MILITIA CALLED OUT.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Is Having Trouble With Night Riders.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—Company H, of the First regiment Kentucky state militia, was this afternoon ordered to Hopkinsville, where there has been trouble of late with night riders.

VIOLATE SUNDAY LAW.

Omaha Police Have a List of 137 Business Men.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16.—Reports by the police department made today showed 137 alleged violators of the Sunday statute yesterday. The county attorney will later file complaints against such of these persons as come under the provisions of the law.

Thirty different classes of business are named, including newspapers, theaters, pharmacists and cigar dealers.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mrs. Minnie McDaniels, 22 years of age, died at her home 1232 Jackson street Sunday morning of blood poisoning, and the funeral was held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Lawrence Costa, the 18-year-old son of Victor Costa, who was fatally injured by the explosion of a traction engine several days ago, died at the home of his parents near Richland Saturday.

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time," began the man who is fond of moral reflections. "And what more do you want?" interrupted his political friend. "Any better game than that would be too easy."—Pittsburg Post.

New York Money Market.

New York, Dec. 16.—MONEY—Money on call firm, 6 1/4 per cent; ruling rate, 10 per cent; closing bid 6 and offered at 6 per cent. Time loans nominal. Sixty days, 12 per cent; 90 days, 10 per cent; 6 months, 8 per cent.

CLOSE: Prime mercantile paper 8 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.83 1/2 for 60 days and at \$4.82 1/2 for 90 days; commercial bill, \$4.79 1/2.

SILVER—Bar silver, 54 1/2; Mexican dollars, 45 1/2.

BONDS—Government bonds steady.

Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 16.—COTTON—Sales today 5,300 bales. Spot cotton closed steady and 3/4 point lower. Middling uplands, \$11.30; middling gulf, \$12.15.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 16.—BUTTER—Market steady. Creamery extras, 24 1/2; thirds to first, 21 1/2; western factory, common to first, 15 1/2; imitation creamery first, 21 1/2.

CHEESE—Market firm. State, full cream, small colored and white fine, 15 1/2; large colored white, 15 1/2; ditto good to prime, 14 1/2; ditto common to fair, 14 1/2.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

As bread feeds the body, skin cream supplies nourishment to the skin.

EGGS—Steady. Western firsts, 32 1/2; second, 29 1/2.

POULTRY—Dressed poultry easy. Western chickens, 9 1/2; turkeys, 15 1/2; fowls, 9 1/2.

"So your son Josh has a situation?" "Yep," answered Farmer Cornmeal. "Been at work nearly a month."

"What kind of a man is his employer?" "Cording to Josh's letters, he must be right smart. Knows party near as much about the business as Josh does."—Washington Star.

Caller—Do you think the doctor is going to help you, Mr. Jones? Jones—He may, if I can only follow orders. He told me to drink hot water thirty minutes before every meal, but I'll be blamed if it ain't hard work to drink hot water for thirty minutes.—Harper's Weekly.